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SUBJ: REPORTED TRIALS OF SOVIET JEWS

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1. RELIABLE JEWISH SOURCE HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON REPORTS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SERIES OF TRIALS IN LAST TEN DAYS OF SOVIET JEWS WHO HAD INTENDED TO EMIGRATE:

A. PETR PINKHASOV WAS SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IMPROSONMENT IN DERBENT, DAGESTAN, ASSR, ON NOVEMBER 15 ON CHARGES OF HAVING VIOLATED PARAGRAPH 92 PART TWO (THEFT OF STATE PROPERTY) AND PARAGRAPH 156 PART TWO (DECEPTION OF PURCHASERS) OF RSFSR CRIMINAL CODE. PINKHASOV REPORTEDLY WAS ARRESTED AFTER HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED EMIGRATION PERMISSION. HIS WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN HAVE NOW DEPARTED FOR ISRAEL.

B. ALWKSANDR FELDMAN WAS ARRESTED IN KIEV ON OCTOBER 18 ON CHARGES OF MALICIOUS HOOLIGANISM WHICH CARRIES POSSIBLE MAXIMUM PENALTY OF FIVE YEARS IMPRISON-
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MENT. SOURCE DID NOT HAVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF INCIDENT

WHICH LED TO CHARGES BUT SAID SATIRICAL ARTICLE ON CASE APPEARED IN VECHEPNYY KIEV ABOUT OCTOBER 22. FROM ARTICLE, CASE APPEARS TO INVOLVE ALLEGED ASSAULT AND BATTERY AGAINST A WOMAN. FELDMAN'S TRIAL HAS TWICE BEEN POSTPONED, AND HIS ATTORNEY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN WHEN CASE WILL BE HEARD.

C. SANDR LEVISON IS BEING HELD IN BENDERY, MOLDAVIA SSR ON CHARGE OF PARASITISM. LEVINSON, A 25-YEAR-OLD SANITARY TECHNICIAN WHO HAS BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE, REPORTEDLY RENOUNCED HIS SOVIET CITIZENSHIP IN AUGUST AND TURNED HIS PASSPORT OVER TO LOCAL POLICE. SUBSEQUENTLY, POLICE VISITED HIM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO EFFECT RETURN OF PASSPORT WHICH LEVINSON REFUSED TO ACCEPT.

D. LEONID ZABELZHENSKIY, 32-YEAR-OLD DOCTOR OF SCIENCES, WAS ARRESTED IN SVERDOLVSK ON OCTOBER 23. ZABELZHENSKIY, WHO HAD BEEN REFUSED EXIT VISA TWO YEARS AGO, WAS ARRESTED AS HE PREPARED TO FLY TO MOSCOW TO APPEAL REFUSAL TO ALL-UNION OVIR. AT TIME ZABELZHENSKIY APPLIED TO EMIGRATE, HE LOST EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR AT URAL POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE. INVESTIGATOR HAS INDICATED THAT TRIAL COULD BE HELD BEFORE END OF MONTH. SOURCE REPORTED THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES WERE INSTITUTED BEFORE ZABELZHENSKIY HAD BEEN ASSIGNED JOB BY LABOR OFFICE OF LOCAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS NORMAL PROCEDURE IN SUCH CASES. (IF INDIVIDUAL REFUSES TO ACCEPT THIS EMPLOYMENT, CRIMINAL CHARGES THEN BROUGHT AGAINST HIM.)

2. SOURCE NOT AWARE OF ANY INDIVIDUALS AWAITING TRIAL IN MOSCOW FOR ALLEGED CONSPIRACY IN SMUGGLING DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO ISRAEL. HE SAID TWO WOMEN, DINA BELINA AND TAMARA GALPERINA, HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED BY KGB ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS CONCERNING EXTENT OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP WITH INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS LEFT FOR ISRAEL AND IN WHOSE APARTMENT ANTI-SOVIET LITERATURE HAD BEEN FOUND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

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3. SOURCE NOT AWARE OF ANY NEW CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY OUTSIDE BIG SOVIET CITIES TO DISCOURAGE EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. HE DID HAVE IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS PREPARING TO BRING PARASITISM CHARGES AGAINST NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE AND WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED.
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